131 W. 41st St.

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My Dear May,

I am comforted in the thought that my MS. is at last in your hands for judgment upon the changes I made in the first draft. I hope for your approval.

Howland says he has arranged for a reading of it to the Society next week from to-day (Tuesday, 26th). Whether it is to be a reading merely before the few members of the Society, or before an invited audience in a public hall, he does not say, and I am willing to leave the matter entirely to his judgment and yours.

Will the Society insist that if it is to print the review in its Proceedings, it must be kept out of print till next winter; or, shall

we be allowed, if possible, to get it into some newspaper at an early day? It would seem a pity to keep it out sight for so many months, waiting for the Pamphlet, while Thayer has possession of the field.

In the paragraph in which I give the names of the prominent Garrisonian Abolitionists, please insert the name of Edmund Quincy, which I strangely omitted; also that of Dr. Bowditch, and any others that may occur to you as proper and desirable to be mentioned.

I return the letter of Mr. Howland which you sent me, and will soon send back the Proceedings of "The Antiquity."

I would not have you, at any hazard to yourself, undertake the Public reading; but if,

happily, you feel strong enough to do it, I shall be glad.

You spoke of inviting Eli Thayer to come and witness his ~~hear~~ ~~hear~~ ~~explanation~~ explanation ~~to~~ ~~Thayer~~ and I hope this will be done. I have a notion that Judge Adin Thayer feels interest enough in me to come to the reading if invited. Are the two men of the same kith and kin or not?

Yours, faithfully,

Oliver Johnson.